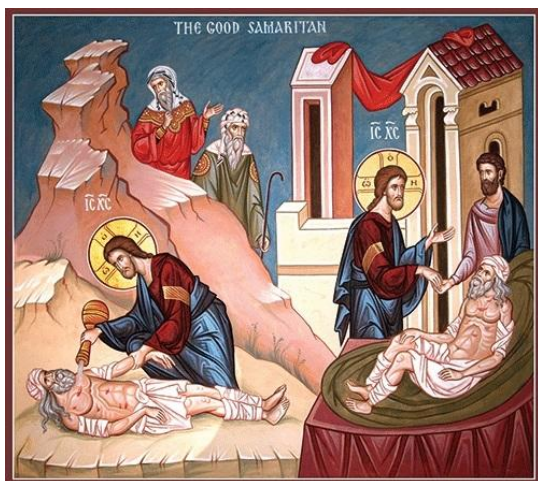

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Sunday, November 12, 2023

Tone 6 / Eothinon 1;

**John the almsgiver, Patriarch of Alexandria &
Eighth Sunday of Luke**

**Neilos the Faster of Sinai; Neilos the myrrh-streaming of the
Great Lavra on Athos; Martin the wonderworker, bishop of Tours**

Hierarchs and Parish Clergy:

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA (Isper)
Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Grace Bishop JOHN (Abdalah)

Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester & New England

Father James Irving, Pastor

Subdeacon Joseph Boruch

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): Save us, O Son of God, Who art risen from the dead, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

RESURRECTIONAL APOLYTIKION IN TONE SIX: When Mary stood at Thy grave, looking for Thy sacred body, angelic powers shone above Thy revered tomb; and the soldiers who were to keep guard became as dead men. Thou led Hades captive and wast not tempted thereby. Thou didst meet the Virgin and didst give life to the world, O Thou, Who art risen from the dead, O Lord, glory to Thee.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. JOHN THE ALMSGIVER IN TONE EIGHT: In thy patience thou hast won thy reward, O righteous father. Thou didst persevere unceasingly in prayer; thou didst love the poor, and didst provide for them in all things. Wherefore, intercede with Christ our God, O blessed John the Almsgiver, that our souls be saved.

APOLYTIKION OF ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL: O ye foremost of the heavenly host, we beseech thee, though we are unworthy. Pray that we may be encompassed with the shadow of thy unearthly glory. Preserving us who kneel and cry endlessly. Deliver us from oppression since Ye are the princes of the highest power.

KONTAKION OF ENTRANCE OF THE THEOTOKOS IN TONE FOUR: The sacred treasury of God's holy glory, * the greatly precious bridal chamber and Virgin, * the Savior's most pure temple, free of stain and undefiled, * into the House of the Lord * on this day is brought forward * and bringeth with herself the grace * of the Most Divine Spirit; * her do God's Angels hymn with songs of praise, * for she is truly the heavenly tabernacle.

TRISAGION PRAYER

English: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us

Arabic: Qudoos El Laah, Qudoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah

Greek: Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas

Slavonic: Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas

The Mission of St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church is to love and worship God, to grow closer to Him, and to proclaim and to spread the Good News of the salvation of Jesus Christ to our parishioners, our neighbors and people everywhere. We worship and pray in English. We experience the beauty and joy of living the Holy Orthodox Christian faith – sharing love and fellowship, teaching and leading by example, growing together through service, education, stewardship and forgiveness.

A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *Since we understand Communion to mean we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all present to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the service. **UNLESS YOU ARE INJURED OR UNABLE, PLEASE REMAIN STANDING DURING COMMUNION***

If you or your loved ones need to contact a member of the clergy in the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. James Irving, who can be reached by phone or text at (781) 468-8709 or by email at dnjamesirving@gmail.com. Fr. James is available for confession by appointment.

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, November 11**
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, November 12**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Saturday, November 18**
 - 9:00 AM - 2:00: PM WHITE ELEPHANT BOUTIQUE & BAKE SALE
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, November 19**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Church School/ 9:15 AM Bible Study for Kids 10+
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy
- **Monday, November 20**
 - 6:00 PM Orthros
 - 7:00 PM Divine Liturgy for the Entrance of the Theotokos into the Temple

*****In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen*****

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

It is a great joy to have so many people join us for coffee hour! Please remember that coffee hour is potluck and is successful when we all pitch in by bringing food, serving, helping with set up and clean up or offering donations in the offering box on the counter. Please ask someone in the kitchen how you can help. May God continue to bless our community!

Our People are our Choir! We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME! We are glad to have you worship with us today!

THE EPISTLE

(For St. John the Almsgiver)

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.

What shall I render to the Lord for all that He has given me?

The Reading from the Second Epistle of St. Paul to the Corinthians. (9:6-11)

Brethren, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that you may always have enough of everything and may provide in abundance for every good work. As it is written, "He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever." He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your resources and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for great generosity, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

THE GOSPEL

(For the Eighth Sunday of Luke)

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke. (10:25-37)

At that time, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read?" And the lawyer answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And Jesus said to him, "You have answered right; do this, and you will live." But the lawyer, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought

him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.' Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" The lawyer said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Metropolitan Saba Announces Collection, Prayers for Peace for Gaza

Following the call of the Holy Synod of Antioch, which beckons all its children to dedicate a Sunday following the Synod's conclusion to collect aid for our brethren at the Patriarchate of Jerusalem, and to partake in the relief of their suffering while demonstrating the Christian communion of humanity in times of affliction, we hereby announce that the upcoming Sunday, falling on November 12, shall be designated as the day for collecting aid throughout our Archdiocese.

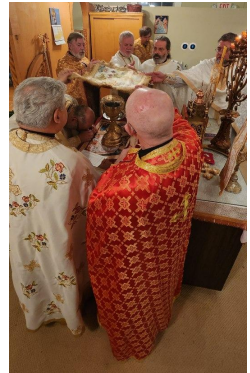
St. Raphael of Brooklyn

Last month, at the request of His Eminence Metropolitan Saba, the Holy Synod of Antioch added St. Raphael to its calendar, ensuring his commemoration in all archdioceses of the Patriarchate of Antioch. Now at St. Michael Church, we have the icon of St. Raphael of Brooklyn with his relics. We commemorate St. Raphael on November 4th.



Synaxis of the Archangel Michael & other Bodiless Powers

On the evening of November 7 the Bishop and clergy from around New England came to St. Michael's to celebrate the feast day of Saint Michael the Archangel, Patron Saint and protector of our church. We gathered for Orthos, Liturgy, and a meal. Clergy in attendance were Bishop John, Fr. Leonard Faris from Lowell, Fr. Joseph Kimmet from Norwood, Fr. Antony Hughes from Cambridge, Fr. Milad Selim from Worcester, Fr. Ephraim Hastings from Lawrence, Fr. Michael Heningham from Ludlow, Fr. Timothy Curren from Centerville, and Dn. David Galambos from W. Roxbury.





ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE

ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

FLOWERS FOR THE NATIVITY

Please, consider making a donation towards flowers for the Nativity. You can find a basket at the back of the church.

THANKSGIVING MEALS FOR INDEPENDENCE HOUSE

A Sign-Up request has been sent out via email to parish members and friends to help provide Thanksgiving Meals to Independence House in Hyannis, which provides services to battered women and their children.

- Please register to pick up a few items the next time you are at the grocery store.
- Please consider donating your time to help package the items for delivery on Nov 19 and to help with delivery on Nov 20.
- If can't shop for any of the items, please consider donating funds to help us with the purchase of food to supplement what is being generously donated.

The sign-up request covers all these requests. If you don't have access to a computer, please reach out to the Outreach committee to let us know how you can help: Macrina, Kristin, Michelle, Linda, Elaine B & Soraya.

If you didn't receive the Sign-up request in your email, please see Soraya so your name can be added to our distribution list.

Thank you for your support of St. Michael outreach and its programs.

YARD SALE DONATION OF ITEMS NEEDED

Women's Group is organizing a WHITE ELEPHANT BOUTIQUE to be held on Saturday Nov 18. We will be selling raffle tickets for original oil painting at coffee hour leading up to the event so please support us and take your chance at winning!!! Accepting donations: Nov 11 before/after Vespers; Nov 12 after Liturgy; Nov 13-17 by special arrangement with committee members below! Please include a list of your donated items along with your name and phone number. **THIS IS REQUIRED FOR ALL DONATIONS** as unsold items must be returned to the donor since we are not able to store at church or to bring to another donation facility. We will also need empty boxes for use in packing sold items. Please help us collect and bring to church Nov 11-12. Liquor stores and supermarkets

are a great source of empty boxes! LIST OF ITEMS THAT WILL BE ACCEPTED CLEAN AND IN WORKING ORDER:

- Small appliances
- Small Electronics - speakers, headphones, games
- Tools
- Kitchenware – pots, pans, bakeware, corning ware, pyrex, mixing bowls, serving platters
- Giftware – decanters, vases, candy dishes
- Collectables – figurines, depression glass, crystal, English Bone China
- Original Artwork – Water Colors and Prints
- Jewelry
- Toys, Puzzles, Baby items
- Table linens, place mats, napkin rings
- Seasonal / Holiday Items
- Books, CDs, DVDs (make sure they appropriate to be sold at a church event)
- Sporting goods
- Ladies Pocket books, leather goods
- Luggage (weekend bags, carry-on, two-suitors, etc...)
- Baskets

NO MUGS. NO CLOTHING. NO BIG FURNITURE PIECES

Please contact any of the committee members with your questions:
Mary Rahal (508)385-4405 // Pauline Rassias (781)690-2891 // Soraya Bandeli (617)842-8591

Please, share the information about the event on your Facebook.
Thank you for your continued commitment to St. Michael!

ST. MICHAEL NATIVITY CARD 2023

This year, St. Michael Women will be sending out a Nativity Greeting to all our parish members. A portion of the proceeds of this year's Nativity card will be going to the Clergy Widows Fund. These women who have dedicated their lives and their families to the church will always be our "Khourie" / "Presvitera" / "Matushka" – even after they suffer the loss of their priest-husbands. This fund will cover some of their needs for utilities, food, shelter. The order form for the Nativity Greeting has been mailed out. If you would like your name on the St. Michael Nativity Card, please fill out the form and return it by December 17, 2023. Please make your donations out to St. Michael Women and write 'Nativity Card' in the memo. We thank you for your continued generosity.

THE SYNAXARION

On November 12 in the Holy Orthodox Church, we commemorate father among the saints John the Almsgiver, patriarch of Alexandria.

Verses

*Since John gave and dispersed to poor men and paupers,
Now standing before Christ, what things he receiveth!
The Almsgiver, owning nought, departed the twelfth.*

Born on Cyprus, John was raised as a true Christian from childhood. Renowned for his compassion and piety, John was chosen as Patriarch of Alexandria in the time of Emperor Heraclius. He governed the Church of Alexandria for ten years as a true shepherd, safeguarding it from pagans and heretics. He was a model of meekness, charity and love for his fellow men. John was also known as “the merciful.” He said: “If you desire nobility, seek it not in blood, but in virtues, for this is true nobility.” Once, as he was on his way to the Church of Saints Cyrus and John, the patriarch met a needy and unfortunate widow who spoke to him at length about her misfortune. The patriarch’s escorts became bored by the woman’s lengthy complaint, and urged the bishop to hurry to the church for the service, intimating that he could hear the woman’s story afterward. John said to them: “And how will God listen to me, if I do not listen to her?” He would not leave until he heard the widow’s complaint to the end. Thus John embodied the Beatitude: “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.” John entered eternal rest in 620.

On this day, we also commemorate the Venerable Neilos the Faster of Sinai; Neilos the myrrh-streaming of the Great Lavra on Athos; and Martin the wonderworker, bishop of Tours. By the intercessions of Thy saints, O Christ God, have mercy upon us. Amen.
